

Depoe Bay City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2003 - 7:00 PM
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor B. Silver, P. Taunton, A. Brown, G. Romans, J. Brown, M. Lavery

ABSENT: S. Scorpio

STAFF: City Field Superintendent T. Owings, Acting City Recorder C. McCarley

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Silver called for all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Silver called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 7:00 PM.

III. APPROVE MINUTES: March 4, 2003 Regular Meeting

Motion 1: Alice Brown moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2003 Regular Meeting, as written. Lavery seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 1 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

IV. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion 2: Romans moved to accept Accounts Payable as presented. Jack Brown seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 2 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

Abstain: Alice Brown

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Peggy Leoni Chamber of Commerce, thanked everyone who participated in the Citizen of the Year event. Recipients were: Woman of the Year was Alice Brown, Man of the Year was Mike Lavery, Business of the Year was Dockside Charters, Friends of Depoe Bay were Roger Robertson and Jerry Engleman, Youths Awards went to Nikki Pedersen and Kellan Arb, and a Lifetime Achievement Award was given to The Spouting Horn and the Taunton Family. Bruce and Betty Silver were given a special thank you for their help during the past year.

Cheryl Preston PacWest Ambulance, thanked the Council and members of the community for their participation in the recent blood drive. Their goal was 30 units, and they collected 33.

Gina Porto 850 SW Coast, announced the start of a new internet community news service. It is an informational tool for citizens and businesses. It is at www.depoebaynews.com. Ideas for posting can be submitted through the website.

Bill Sachs 1450 Walking Wood representing the Traffic Safety Commission, reported that the poster contest approved by the Council last year is open for submissions from Depoe Bay students, effective today. There are three age categories: Group A is grades K-5, Group B is grades 6-8, and Group C is grades 9-12. Entries must be on 8½" x 11" paper or heavier weight art material, in color or black and white. Subject matter must be related to traffic and/or traffic safety. There will be a cash prize for first place in each group: Groups A and B are \$15, and Group C is \$20. Winners will be judged on originality, message, and creativity. No more than three posters may be submitted by any one person. All posters must be identified in the lower right corner with name, age, and class. All posters will become the property of the City of Depoe Bay and may be submitted through the Traffic Safety Commission or City Hall. Traffic Safety Commissioners will judge the contest and their decisions are final. Entries must be submitted by 5 PM on April 30, 2003. Winners will be announced May 13, 2003. He asked for Council authorization to schedule awarding the prizes at the City Council meeting on May 20, 2003. Hearing no objection, this item was added to the May 20 agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interviews for City Commissions and Committees

Planning Commission applicant Bruce Moore and Budget Committee applicant Cliff Wamacks came forward to tell about themselves and why they were interested in participating. No other applications were received. Silver, referring to the newly-revised but not-yet-adopted Council Rules, suggested making these two appointments tonight. Discussion followed. With a split Council, the appointment was postponed to the next meeting.

B. City Hall ADA Improvements Project Architectural Services - Proposal Acceptance
Owings reported he sent out five Requests For Proposal, and no proposals were received. He requested the Council's permission to broaden his search to the Salem and Portland area.

Motion 3: Jack Brown moved to direct Staff to broaden the advertisement for Requests For Proposal for the City Hall ADA Improvements Project. Lavery seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 3 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

C. Proposed Increase to City Transient Room Tax Rate

Romans noted that the City has limited sources of income and the State plans to pre-empt local tax authority. Newport and Lincoln City have an 8% transient room tax, while Depoe Bay's rate is 7%. Romans proposed raising Depoe Bay's Transient Room Tax by 1%, to be

specifically designated to assist in funding a police officer. This rate increase would be effective July 1, 2003. Peggy Leoni spoke against accepting this proposal at this time. Council discussed procedure and concerns. Hearing no objection, this item was postponed until the Law Enforcement Task Force Subcommittee submits a total proposal. Staff was directed to contact the City Attorney for the answers to the following questions: 1) if the City can do dedicated funding into a reserve fund for the purpose of law enforcement, and 2) if the City can obtain a serial levy.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Lincoln County Economic Development Grant Program

Owings reported that the application (copy attached to original of these minutes) includes utilization of the remainder of the grant money received from Jeld-Wen for the Gangways Project completed last year. If awarded, the grant money would be used to upgrade flotation and electrical service to the docks. Total project cost is estimated at \$42,000.

Motion 4: Jack Brown moved to direct Staff to prepare the application to the Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Program, and have the Mayor sign it. Lavery seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Amendment: Alice Brown amended Motion 4 to include "Electrical upgrades necessary to prevent electrolysis" to the project description. Lavery seconded the amendment.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Amendment to Motion 4 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

Vote: Original Motion 4 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

B. Treated Water Storage Improvements

Owings reviewed the report received this afternoon from Curran-McLeod (copy attached to original of these minutes), who recommended that a letter of interest be submitted to the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund before May 9, and also contact OECDD to request a determination on the feasibility of a SPWF funding package. Owings recommended not going out with Requests For Proposal because this project is a continuation of an implementation to the Water System Master Plan.

Motion 5: Jack Brown moved to direct Staff to submit a letter of interest to the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund. Lavery seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 5 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

Motion 6: Lavery moved to direct Staff to draft a personal services contract with Curran-McLeod for the continuing implementation of our Water System Master Plan. Jack Brown seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. A question was raised about the appropriateness of hiring Curran-McLeod, and Owings explained that they already have a connection to the project because of their experience with the City's system, and there would be a steep learning curve to bring another company in.

Vote: Motion 6 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A proclamation for Girl Scouts Week was received (copy attached to original of these minutes). McCarley read the proclamation into the record.

Motion 7: Romans moved to recognize Girl Scouts Week, March 10-16, 2003. Alice Brown seconded the motion.

Silver said it was moved and seconded, and called for discussion. There was none.

Vote: Motion 7 passed.

Ayes: Taunton, Alice Brown, Silver, Romans, Jack Brown, Lavery

IX. LIAISON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Taunton reported Salmon Enhancement Commission met March 5. Salmon are in the net at the reservoir and are being fed by the Harbormaster. During the creek survey, two fish with clipped fins were identified. Georgia Pacific gave a donation of ~\$2,500 in stainless steel for screening the pipes to reduce water flow so the fish don't get out. Imperial Marine will donate the use of their shop to build the screens. Fish biologist Tony Stein will be applying for permits to work in the creek raising the water level by some of the pipes and moving some rock around. Outfall lines will be scheduled to be worked on In June, while the water level is low.

Alice Brown reported that Parks Commission will meet tomorrow at 5:30. There were five agenda items she highlighted: 1) Status of Depoe Bay Parks, 2) Development/Maintenance North of Whale Park, 3) Lighting of Whale Park, 4) Optical Viewing Machines at Whale Park, and 5) Suggestions of Projects for Parks from Commissioners.

Jack Brown reported that kids will be getting a tour of the salmon enhancement activity during Spring Break. He noted that advertising our salmon enhancement activities is helpful in getting funding for the harbor. He expressed concern over the possibility of losing the \$2 million grant to fix the sea wall, and will work with Owings to determine the timeline the funding will be available.

Laverty reported that 1) The Traffic Safety Commission met last Tuesday. Bill Sachs was elected President. 2) He will be teaching the new Traffic Safety Commissioners how to use the radar trailer tomorrow afternoon. 3) He was attending an ODOT Traffic Safety Conference when the last Traffic Safety Commission meeting was held. He provided Sachs will a booklet on traffic safety resources and information on problems identified in our region. 4) He will be attending a transportation safety program in Lincoln City on April 7; this is a 10-year plan on traffic safety. 5) The economic impact of a recent crash involving an oxygen truck on I-205 was \$120 million. 6) He has been asked to contact the speed engineer about reducing the speed limit from the south bend near Little Whale Cove to Miroco. 7) He has provided Alice Brown and Romans with information from the League of Oregon Cities about creating a police force. 8) He will be attending a COG meeting on March 20. 9) The Traffic Safety Commission requested the Mayor send a letter to the county for their data acquisition radar reader. Sachs will provide Staff with a draft letter for the Mayor to sign.

X. CITY STAFF REPORT

McCarley reported: 1) The City Recorder's father-in-law passed away last weekend and she will return to work on March 24. 2) The Federal Appropriations Request Form for FY 2003-04, requesting funds for stabilization of the harbor sea wall (copy attached to original of these minutes) has been submitted.

Owings reviewed his written report (copy attached to original of these minutes), providing updates on the wastewater plant, raw water reservoir, sidewalk improvements on Bay Street, pavement south of the Painter building, and the streetlight on Sunnyview Lane. A determination on removal of the streetlight was delayed until the next meeting, where the Neighborhood Watch will report to the Council with a resolution to solve the problem.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Alice Brown said the Marine Commercial zone has been amended at different times to include retail services, sales, and office space, and manager/owner/caretaker residence. She was interested in adding tourist accommodations as an approved use, and asked to have this as an agenda item. Hearing no objection, Silver directed Staff to write a memo to the Planning Commission directing them to review this proposal, and report back to City Council regarding the addition of overnight lodging to Marine Commercial zoning.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Mayor Bruce R. Silver

Silver Fox, Recording Secretary